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# BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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	To: NATIONWIDE HOME ASSISTANCE dba Loan Center Funding, Inc.;	)	No. H-36241 LA
	MICHAEL ALLAN HARRIS, LISA	)	
	KOMINEK; JAMES RADOGNA;	)	<u>AMENDED</u>
١	COREY TOBIN.	)	ORDER TO DESIST
I		)	AND REFRAIN
		)	(B&P Code Section 10086)
I	Respondents.	)	
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This Amended Desist and Refrain Order amends the Desist and Refrain Order filed on September 15, 2009. The Commissioner ("Commissioner") of the California Department of Real Estate ("Department") caused an investigation to be made of the activities of NATIONWIDE HOME ASSISTANCE dba Loan Center Funding, Inc. ("NATIONWIDE") MICHAEL ALLAN HARRIS ("HARRIS"), LISA KOMINEK ("KOMINEK"), JAMES RADOGNA ("RADOGNA"), and COREY TOBIN ("TOBIN"). Based on that investigation, the Commissioner has determined that NATIONWIDE, HARRIS, KOMINEK, RADOGNA and TOBIN have engaged in or are engaging in acts or are attempting to engage in the business of, acting in the capacity of, and/or advertising or assuming to act as real estate brokers in the State of California within the meaning of Business and Professions Code Section 10131(d) (soliciting, negotiating and performing services for borrowers in connection with loans secured by real

property) and 10131.2 (advance fee handling).

In addition, based on that investigation, the Commissioner has determined that NATIONWIDE, HARRIS, KOMINEK, RADOGNA and TOBIN have engaged in or are engaging in acts or are attempting to engage in practices constituting violations of the California Business and Professions Code ("Code") and/or Title 10, California Code of Regulations ("Regulations"). Based on the findings of that investigation, set forth below, the Commissioner hereby issues the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Desist and Refrain Order under the authority of Section 10086 of the Code.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. NATIONWIDE is not now, and has never been, licensed by the Department in any capacity.
- 2. HARRIS is presently licensed and/or has license rights under the Real Estate Law (Part 1 of Division 4 of the Code) as a real estate broker.
- 3. KOMINEK was licensed by the Department as a real estate salesperson 8/11/2000. Effective August 10, 1994, KOMINEK'S real estate salesperson license has expired.
- 4. RADOGNA is not now, and has never been, licensed by the Department in any capacity.
- 5. TOBIN is not now, and has never been, licensed by the Department in any capacity.
- 6. At the time set forth below each and every respondent solicited borrowers and negotiated to do one or more of the following acts for another or others, for or in expectation of compensation: engage in the business of, acted in the capacity of, or advertised a loan modification service and advance fee brokerage using the name Nationwide Home Assistance soliciting, offering to negotiate or perform loan modification services with respect to loans which were secured by liens on real property for compensation or in expectation of compensation and for fees collected in advance of the transaction.

HARRIS employed KOMINEK, RADOGNA and TOBIN to solicit and obtain clients for NATIONWIDE's loan modification services.

9. On or about December 8, 2008, KOMINEK, RADOGNA and TOBIN, as representatives of NATIONWIDE, demanded and received an advance fee of \$1,500 from Valadez for the activities described in paragraph 7, above.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 10. Based on the information contained in Paragraphs 1 through 9, above, HARRIS violated Section 10085 of the Code and Regulation 2970, by not having an approved advance fee agreement on file with the Department.
- 11. Based on the information contained in Paragraphs 1 through 9, above, HARRIS violated Code Section 10137 of the Code by employing and/or compensating individuals who were not licensed as a real estate salesperson or as a broker to perform activities requiring a real estate license.
- 12. Based on the information contained in Paragraphs 1 through 9, above, NATIONWIDE, KOMINEK, RADOGNA and TOBIN violated Section 10130 of the Code by engaging in the activities without first obtaining a broker license from the Department.

### DESIST AND REFRAIN ORDER

Based upon the FINDINGS OF FACT and CONCLUSIONS OF LAW stated herein, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

A. NATIONWIDE HOME ASSISTANCE, LISA KOMINEK, JAMES RADOGNA and COREY TOBIN, immediately desist and refrain from performing any acts within the State of California for which a real estate broker license is required, unless or until you are so licensed;

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B. MICHAEL ALLAN HARRIS, immediately desist and refrain from employing and/or compensating individuals who are not licensed as a real estate salesperson or as a broker to perform activities requiring a real estate license;

## IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT MICHAEL ALLAN HARRIS:

- 1. Immediately desist and refrain from charging, demanding, claiming, collecting and/or receiving advance fees, as that term is defined in Section 10026 of the Code, in any form, and under any conditions, with respect to the performance of loan modification or any other form of mortgage loan forbearance services in connection with loans on residential property containing four or fewer dwelling units (Code Section 10085.6).
- 2. Immediately desist and refrain from charging, demanding, claiming, collecting and/or receiving advance fees, as that term is defined in Section 10026 of the Code, for any of the other real estate related services you offer to others, unless and until you demonstrate and provide evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner that you are properly licensed by the Department as a real estate broker, and that:
  - (1) you have an advance fee agreement which has been submitted to the Department and which is in compliance with Section 10085 of the Code and Section 2970 of the Regulations;
  - (2) you have placed all previously collected advance fees into a trust account for that purpose and are in compliance with Section 10146 of the Code; and

(3) you have provided an accounting to trust fund owner-beneficiaries 1 pursuant to Section 2972 of the Regulations. 2 3 4 5 6 2009. DATED: 7 8 JEFF DAVI Real Estate Commissioner 9 10 Notice: Business and Professions Code Section 10139 provides that "Any person acting as a 11 12 real estate broker or real estate salesperson without a license or who advertises using words indicating that he or she is a real estate broker without being so licensed shall be guilty of a 13 public offense punishable by a fine not exceeding twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000), or by imprisonment in the county jail for a term not to exceed six months, or by both fine and 14 imprisonment; or if a corporation, be punished by a fine not exceeding sixty thousand dollars 15 (\$60,000)." 16 NATIONWIDE HOME ASSISTANCE cc: 535 E. First Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor 17 Tustin, CA 92780 18 MICHAEL ALLAN HARRIS 19 3369 Essex Junction Ct. Thousand Oaks, CA 91362 20 21 LISA KOMINEK 2554 Turquoise Circle 22 Chino, CA 91709 23 JAMES RADOGNA 535 E. First Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor 24 Tustin, CA 92780 25 **COREY TOBIN** 26 535 E. First Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

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